

Service Date: March 28, 2003

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF MONTANA-DAKOTA	)	UTILITY DIVISION
UTILITIES COMPANY, Application for	)	
Approval of the Sale of Natural Gas Mains	)	DOCKET NO. D2002.12.160
and Meters in the Town of Saco, Montana,	)	
to the Town of Saco	)	ORDER NO. 6486

FINAL ORDER APPROVING SALE

On December 24, 2002, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (MDU) filed an application before the Public Service Commission (PSC) requesting approval of the sale of natural gas mains and meters to the Town of Saco (Saco). MDU states that it has reached agreement with Saco to sell gas mains, 7 meters, and 7 regulators to Saco for \$7,000. MDU states Saco owns and operates its own gas distribution in the community and serves most customers there.

On January 27, 2003, the PSC noticed MDU's application to the public through a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. February 20, 2003, was the date designated as the final date to request a hearing and the final date for comments. No request for hearing or comments were received.

The PSC has reviewed MDU's application, considered the matter presented, and has determined the proposed sale of assets should be approved. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the MDU's sale of gas mains, meters, and regulators to the Town of Saco is approved.

Done and dated this 4th day of March, 2003, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.